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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – President Richard F. Wilson announced two new endowment funds for the Illinois Wesleyan University School of Nursing at a dinner Saturday, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the awarding of bachelor of nursing science degrees on campus. The funds are part of the ongoing *Transforming Lives: The Campaign for Illinois Wesleyan*.

The two funds, the Donna Hartweg Endowed Scholarship and the Sandra Futhey Rice Endowment Fund, will support the School of Nursing.

This year marks the retirement of the former director of the School of Nursing, Donna Hartweg, who is also the Caroline F. Rupert Professor Emeritus of Nursing. In her honor, alumni, friends and family established the endowed scholarship in her name. The scholarship will offer financial support to one nursing student each year. So far, there have been more than 100 contributions to the scholarship fund.

“You have given me the highest honor I could ask for with this endowed scholarship,” said Hartweg.

Hartweg has been active in local and state groups committed to health care. She has chaired the boards of many organizations, including the Community Health Care Clinic, BroMenn Healthcare Hospitals, the Illinois Association of Colleges of Nursing and District 6 of the Illinois Nurses’ Association. She was also the recipient of a 2009 Illinois Nurses Association (INA) Nurse Educator Award.

The ongoing success of the School of Nursing is the focus of a new fund from alumna Sandra Rice, a 1977 graduate. It was announced at the dinner that Rice and her husband, Louis, established the Sandra Futhey Rice Endowment Fund to provide overall support for the School of Nursing.

“Both my husband and I graduated from liberal arts colleges, and we believe in higher education,” said Rice. “This gift is an investment in higher education.”

Rice now lives in Decatur, Ga., and works for Atlanta Cancer Care. She is an active member of the alumni group in Atlanta, hosting many alumni gatherings.

Nearly 270 attended the dinner, representing 42 out of the 50 graduating classes.

President Wilson encouraged alumni to view the many changes on campus, but to also realize that “despite these physical changes, many things remain the same, including the excellence and dedication of faculty, and the quality of the students who come to this University,” he said, adding that those who provide financial support for Illinois Wesleyan, “embrace those ideals” upon which the University was founded.

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